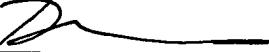


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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated March 21, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute "bacteria" as the species of particle, without traverse. Claims 1-43 are readable on the elected species.

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